

Key Transfer Developments

Effective this fall, state law requires several initiatives to ease student transfer between institutions. Highlights are noted below.

Transferability of general education --

Guarantees all six categories of general education courses will be accepted for transfer and degree credit, whether earned as individual courses or within multi-course blocks of gen ed.

Common course numbering -- Establishes a new statewide course numbering system for general education at KCTCS and a common catalog.

Junior-level standing -- Guarantees that graduates of an approved associate degree program will be admitted to junior-level standing at all public four-year institutions.

Reduction of degree requirements -- Encourages institutions to lower degree requirements to 60 credit hours for an associate and 120 for a baccalaureate.

Priority admission -- Guarantees graduates of an approved associate degree program priority admission to a state public university over out-of-state students if they meet the same admission criteria.

Transparency of transfer decisions -- Calls for an electronic means to view and monitor course equivalencies and find information.

Credit outside the classroom -- Identifies courses and standard scores for awarding credit for AP and CLEP exams based on the new Kentucky Standard Acceptable Scores for National Exams Table.



Degree pathways -- Outlines semester-by-semester maps of courses that outline the most efficient path to the major.

Checks and balances -- Requires institutions to notify CPE of any changes in programs or learning outcomes that will affect transferability.

Appeals process -- Establishes an appeals process regarding the transfer and acceptance of credits earned at another institution.

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